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Food & Drug Administration  
Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Re: Dockets #98N-1230, 96P-0418 and 97P-0197

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to ask you to ban the forced molting (intentionally starving hens to manipulate egg production) of hens. This forced molting promotes disease by destroying the hens' immune systems. The Department of Agriculture's Food Safety & Inspection Service has concluded that the forced molting leads to increased shedding of salmonella enteritidis. The result is food poisoning for consumers. This food poisoning too often leads to death.

In April, 1998, you were petitioned to ban forced molting. Now that we know the dangers of forced molting to consumers, it is necessary for you to protect consumers by banning the forced molting of hens. It is also time for warning labels to be placed on egg cartons so that consumers understand the risks of consuming eggs and how to reduce the risks.

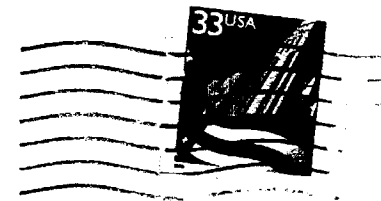
Please take action to ban the forced molting of hens. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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